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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Steven P. Holzberg

Application No.: 09/771,009

Filed: January 25, 2001

For: CYTOPLASMIC INHIBITION OF GENE  
EXPRESSION AND EXPRESSION OF A FOREIGN  
PROTEIN IN A MONOCOT PLANT BY A PLANT  
VIRAL VECTOR

Examiner: Georgia L. Helmer

Art Unit: 1638

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) Transmittal sheet;
- 2) Fee sheet;
- 3) Marked copy of the pending claims (Appendix A);
- 4) Courtesy copy of pending claims (Appendix B);
- 5) Marked pages indicating amendments to the specification (Appendix C);
- 6) Replacement Figure 2D and marked copy of figure;
- 7) IDS, Form 1449 and copy of partial international search report; and
- 8) Receipt acknowledgement postcard.